(b) whether any settlement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Memorandum of Settlement reached between the management of Air India and the employees' Union|Associaitons|Guilds envisage payment of interim relief ranging from Rs. 280|- to Rs. 1240|- with effect from 1-9-90. The amount of interim relief is treated as basic pay for the purpose of House Rent Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance and Provident Fund Contribution and will be adjusted against the final wage settlement/award of the National Industrial Tribunal.

Officers of Air India under suspension

6883. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Air India belonging to officers and executive categories are under suspension, as on date;

(b) the names and details thereof; and

(c) whether the laid down procedure is being followed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The following officers of Air India are under suspension:—

Name	Designation	Date from which suspended
1. Shri D.D. Pastakia	Inflight Supervisor	28-10-88
2. Shri R.B. Singh.	Security Officer	17-11-87
3. Shri F.B. Ingre	Security Officer	3-2-94
4. Shri A. Trindade	Security Officer	25-2-94
5. Shri J.A. Sidhwa	Dy. Director of Finance	30-10-92
6. Shri K. Raghunathan	Financial Controller	30-12-92

(c) Yes, Sir

Procurement of 29-Seater Aircraft

6884. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering to procure smaller, 29-seater or other small aircraft, for the feeder and other routes with thin traffic, especially to replace the outdated aircraft of the Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and with which firms and for what specific type and model of air craft negotiations are on; and

(c) with what results, so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present there is no proposal for purchasing any small aircraft for Vayudoot.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.